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The first of the two Irish conventions in Philadelphia met yesterday and went through with its work in an orderly manner. There was no dynamite talk in it, and none was expected. The delegates came together to wind up the affairs of the Land League organization and merge themselves into the new National League of Ireland, of which Mr. Parnell is the originator and the head. There appears to have been great unanimity in favor of the change, and the spirit and action of the convention furnish striking evidence that Mr. Parnell's hold upon the better elements of the Irish in this country is as strong as ever. The speech of President Mooney was peculiarly like in sentiment to the speeches of Parnell. It was full of hatred toward England, of denunciation of English efforts to repress and punish Irish crime, but contained not a word of censure for Irish murders, for dynamite explosions, or for any of the infamous conspiracies which have so disgraced the Irish cause during the past year. Silence of this kind at a time like this differs only in degree from the blunder or worse of open approval. Mr. Mooney had the bad taste to speak of Mr. Lowell in terms which are not at all calculated to win American sympathy for Irish grievances. In view of the dynamite revelations this is not a favorable time for the president of an Irish convention to speak of the United States as "our" country the same sentence in which he denounces one of the most eminent, accomplished, honorable and patriotic Americans as a "sycophant."

The second convention, which meets to-day, and to which Irish societies of all kinds have sent delegates, is likely to be a fuller test of the strength of the dynamite faction. All the indications last night pointed to a quiet convention, and to a declaration of principles which shall contain no open approval of dynamite. This will not mean that the dynamite advocates or silent sympathizers are clearly in the minority. It will simply mean that the majority believe the present an inop-

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